

## **Citation for the DPFFA, ESA 2024**

Professor Flavio Menezes is an exceptional economist committed to producing applied research with academic rigour and relevance to pressing economic issues.

Prof Menezes is a Professor of Economics at UQ, and he was appointed Director of the Australian Institute for Business and Economics (AIBE) in UQ's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law in 2022. His leadership roles in academia are extensive. He was the Academic Dean and Head of the School of Economics at UQ from 2009-2015.

Prof Menezes is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) and a member of the National Economics Panel of the Economic Society of Australia. He was appointed Chair of the Economics and Commerce Panel for the Australian Research Council's 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, and he was a member of the ARC Economic Design Network (2007- 2009) and the standing committee of the Econometric Society Australasia (2016-2017). He was also an elected member of UQ's Academic Board and its Standing Committee from 2018-2021.

Prof Menezes is a deeply engaged and consistent advocate for improving regulatory and market governance for a better and fairer society. He is the Chair of the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) and was Deputy Chair from 2016 to 2018. The QCA is Queensland's independent economic regulator and uses regulatory mechanisms, such as setting and monitoring prices, to help prevent monopoly businesses from using their market power inappropriately and to ensure prices are competitive and those who need to access vital infrastructure can do so fairly. As Chair, Prof Menezes encourages industry-led solutions and effective regulatory decision making, provides regulatory certainty, and promotes the long-term interest of Queenslanders.

His broader engagement with industry and government is also significant. He has provided advice on market design issues in regulatory environments to the Commonwealth Government of Australia, the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), and the ACT, New South Wales and Victorian governments. He has also contributed economic advice on competition and regulatory issues for public and private organisations in wide-ranging sectors, including defence, fisheries, water, gambling, natural resources, electricity markets, dairy, smart cities, banking, aged care, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), early childhood education and childcare, health, pharmaceuticals, transport, and telecommunications. This breadth of regulatory experience, which spans health, social, technological and environmental aspects of the national economy, makes him particularly well-placed to shape regulatory practice in Australia with attention to complex and uncertain conditions.